

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

June 29, 2014



Dear parishioners,

Today the feast of Saints Peter and Paul outranks the celebration of Sunday. That doesn't happen very often. When you think of what these two men did, however, there is reason to celebrate them.

Here are two guys whose lives got turned around by God. God led them down paths they never dared dream about. Peter was a big strappin' fisherman with a wife and a business thinking that would be how he'd spend his life. Paul was an educated Jew and Roman citizen determined to uphold the Jewish faith. Peter ends up being the first leader of the apostles and therefore head of the brand new Church. Paul gets knocked down and blinded so that he can see his way to being one of the greatest missionaries of the Christian Church and becoming the "Apostle to the Gentiles." Both men ended up with the Christian communities in Rome, and both ended up being martyred there.

Do I have the kind of courage these two men had? Can I trust in God enough to follow where God leads me? Can I see God's hand in the unexpected turns in my life? Do I love God enough to be faithful even if it costs me my life?

When I was a kid in grade school we often talked about the possibility of being missionaries and/or martyrs. I haven't given that much thought in a long time. Do I have that kind of idealism and commitment today?

It's a good day to reflect on how we'd measure up to Peter and Paul. We, after all, also have a purpose in life—God has a purpose for our life.

Sister Carol



Congratulations to Brianna Falk and Clay Atkins who were married here this weekend. We wish you many happy years together.

Weekend Masses

Sat June 28	4:00 p.m.	Teresa Rieman
Sun June 29	10:00 a.m.	James Trenkamp and Dolores Hermiller
Sat July 5	4:00 p.m.	For the parish
Sun July 6	10:00 a.m.	Imajean Mathewson & Gene Badertscher

Communion Services

Tue July 1	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Wed July 2	10:30 a.m.	Hilty

First Friday

Fri July 4	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's
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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,858.00	Loose	\$322.50
Children	\$ 25.45	Total	\$3,205.95

76 envelopes returned = 36

Thank You for your generosity!

Assignments for July 5 & 6, 2014

Money Counters: Jason Granger, Angie Wenger

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jan Emmert and Diana Sabater
Cantor: Becca Schlumbohm
Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer
Lector: Jim Kinn
E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Brianna Falk, Mark Schumacher
Servers: Zane Myers and Grace Myers

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch
Greeter-West door: Aaron Welch
Cantor: Matt Meyer
Ushers: Trent and Colin Phillips
Lector 1: Mel Heitmeyer
Lector 2: Adam Basinger
E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Rachel Welch, Basil and Rosemary Meyer
Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Devin Meyer

Readings for July 6, 2014

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

We have hired Kelly Honse to be our new Coordinator of Religious Education. Welcome, Kelly. Thanks for stepping up to do this ministry.

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Thank you to all who worked so hard on Maintenance Day to make our church look so fine—

Dave and Mary Hoffer, Jerry and Jeanne Wehri, Dave and Shirley Siefker, Jeff and Deb Goldenetz, Deb Buck, Sue Knerr, Matt Meyer, Larry Hoffman, Mark Schumacher, Chuck Niese (for getting the mulch), Jennie and Cole Wilson, Logan and Lisa Welch, Jenny Tschuor, Louise Rieman, Paula McKibben, Mel and Sherry Heitmeyer, Tamara Al-Sammarraie, Joe and Diana Braidic, Kevin Vance, Aaron and Adam Basinger, Basil Meyer, Roger Brodman. Thank you also to Beth Yarger, Peg Murphy, and Louise Rieman for bringing food. You are all wonderful!!! The whole parish thanks you!

We will have a simple farewell for Becky Meyer on Sunday, July 20—coffee and donuts after Mass so we can say thank you and good-bye. Becky's husband Josh will be the assistant principal and athletic director in Napoleon. Congratulations, Josh. We will miss all of you

We are in need of volunteers to be Crew Leaders (Walkers) for Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School that will be held Sunday, July 20 - Thursday, July 24 at St. Mary's. We need 4 Crew Leaders for each night. Their responsibility is to walk their group to the different stations during the night. We would really like to have the same 4 people every night, but if you are only able to do one or two nights that would be great too. High school students are welcome to volunteer as well. We are also in need of volunteers to sign up the children the first night, Sunday, July 20th. Please be here by 5:30 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the narthex for both volunteer positions if you are interested. If you have any questions, please contact Krystal Giesige (419) 308-3188 or Kelly Honse at 419-358-1475.

Weird Animals

**Bluffton Community
Vacation Bible School
Sun. -Thurs. July 20-24
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Church**

FREE! Children ages 4 through Grade 5 are invited. Registration forms are in the main entrance. Return these by July 14 to be eligible for a prize.

The Church tells us we are to take “full, active, conscious participation” in the liturgy. To give you that opportunity, the ushers will be inviting families to bring up the gifts at the offertory. Please take this opportunity when you are invited or offer your services if you wish.

LIMEX (Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension) is a part-time, Catholic university program leading to a master's degree or certificate in religious education or pastoral studies. There are two information sessions coming up in our area:

July 8 – St. Michael, Findlay

July 16 – St. Charles, Lima.

More information is available on the bulletin board in the main entrance.

We are supporting the Holy Father in his charitable works by giving to the **Peter's Pence Collection** this weekend. This collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous.

Save the date: EXCLAIM, a free Christian music festival, is on Sunday, July 27, 2014. This year's featured artists are Tenth Avenue North and for King & Country. The festival includes inflatables, family games, sports tournaments, concessions, and booths from area ministries and businesses. The festival will be at the Monsignor Schmit CYO Athletic Complex. Gates open at 1 p.m. and a closing Mass is at 7 p.m. Check it out on Facebook or www.exclaimtoledo.org.

Bridge Home Health and Hospice is pleased to offer another **Hospice Volunteer Training Class**. We have many volunteer opportunities. The training will be held on six consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning July 22nd, and concluding on August 26th. The sessions will be held from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the Wenner Conference located at Birchaven Retirement Village on the Eastern Woods Campus of the Blanchard Valley Health System, off of SR 224 East in Findlay. Pre-registration is required. For more information please contact Julie Tiell at 419-423-5351 or by e-mail at jtiell@bvhealthsystem.org.